

1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 7-10 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/7-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-10)

7 Sec. 7-10. Form of petition for nomination. The name of  
8 no candidate for nomination, or State central committeeman,  
9 or township committeeman, or precinct committeeman, or ward  
10 committeeman or candidate for delegate or alternate delegate  
11 to national nominating conventions, shall be printed upon the  
12 primary ballot unless a petition for nomination has been  
13 filed in his behalf as provided in this Article in  
14 substantially the following form:

15 We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the  
16 .... party and qualified primary electors of the .... party,  
17 in the .... of ....., in the county of .... and State of  
18 Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person  
19 or persons shall be a candidate or candidates of the ....  
20 party for the nomination for (or in case of committeemen for  
21 election to) the office or offices hereinafter specified, to  
22 be voted for at the primary election to be held on (insert  
23 date).

Name	Office	Address
John Jones	Governor	Belvidere, Ill.
Thomas Smith	Attorney General	Oakland, Ill.

27 Name..... Address.....  
28 State of Illinois)  
29 ) ss.  
30 County of.....)

31 I, ....., do hereby certify that I am a registered voter

1 and have been a registered voter at all times I have  
 2 circulated this petition, that I reside at No. .... street,  
 3 in the .... of ....., county of ....., and State of Illinois,  
 4 and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my  
 5 presence, and are genuine, and that to the best of my  
 6 knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time  
 7 of signing the petitions qualified voters of the .... party,  
 8 and that their respective residences are correctly stated, as  
 9 above set forth.

10 .....  
 11       Subscribed and sworn to before me on (insert date).  
 12 .....  
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14       Each sheet of the petition other than the statement of  
 15 candidacy and candidate's statement shall be of uniform size  
 16 and shall contain above the space for signatures an  
 17 appropriate heading giving the information as to name of  
 18 candidate or candidates, in whose behalf such petition is  
 19 signed; the office, the political party represented and place  
 20 of residence; and the heading of each sheet shall be the  
 21 same.

22       Such petition shall be signed by qualified primary  
 23 electors residing in the political division for which the  
 24 nomination is sought in their own proper persons only and  
 25 opposite the signature of each signer, his residence address  
 26 shall be written or printed. The residence address required  
 27 to be written or printed opposite each qualified primary  
 28 elector's name shall include the street address or rural  
 29 route number of the signer, as the case may be, as well as  
 30 the signer's county, and city, village or town, and state.  
 31 However the county or city, village or town, and state of  
 32 residence of the electors may be printed on the petition  
 33 forms where all of the electors signing the petition reside  
 34 in the same county or city, village or town, and state.  
 Standard abbreviations may be used in writing the residence

1 address, including street number, if any. At the bottom of  
2 each sheet of such petition shall be added a statement signed  
3 by a registered voter of the political division, who has been  
4 a registered voter at all times he or she circulated the  
5 petition, for which the candidate is seeking a nomination,  
6 stating the street address or rural route number of the  
7 voter, as the case may be, as well as the voter's county, and  
8 city, village or town, and state; and certifying that the  
9 signatures on that sheet of the petition were signed in his  
10 presence; and either (1) indicating the dates on which that  
11 sheet was circulated, or (2) indicating the first and last  
12 dates on which the sheet was circulated, or (3) certifying  
13 that none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more  
14 than 90 days preceding the last day for the filing of the  
15 petition, or more than 45 days preceding the last day for  
16 filing of the petition in the case of political party and  
17 independent candidates for single or multi-county regional  
18 superintendents of schools in the 1994 general primary  
19 election; and certifying that the signatures on the sheet are  
20 genuine, and certifying that to the best of his knowledge  
21 and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing  
22 the petitions qualified voters of the political party for  
23 which a nomination is sought. Such statement shall be sworn  
24 to before some officer authorized to administer oaths in this  
25 State.

26 No petition sheet shall be circulated more than 90 days  
27 preceding the last day provided in Section 7-12 for the  
28 filing of such petition, or more than 45 days preceding the  
29 last day for filing of the petition in the case of political  
30 party and independent candidates for single or multi-county  
31 regional superintendents of schools in the 1994 general  
32 primary election.

33 The person circulating the petition, or the candidate on  
34 whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any

1 signature from the petition, provided that:†

2 (1) the person striking the signature shall initial  
3 the petition at the place where the signature is struck;  
4 and

5 (2) the person striking the signature shall sign a  
6 certification listing the page number and line number of  
7 each signature struck from the petition. Such  
8 certification shall be filed as a part of the petition.

9 Such sheets before being filed shall be neatly fastened  
10 together in book form, by placing the sheets in a pile and  
11 fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable  
12 manner, and the sheets shall then be numbered consecutively.  
13 The sheets shall not be fastened by pasting them together end  
14 to end, so as to form a continuous strip or roll. All  
15 petition sheets which are filed with the proper local  
16 election officials, election authorities or the State Board  
17 of Elections shall be the original sheets which have been  
18 signed by the voters and by the circulator thereof, and not  
19 photocopies or duplicates of such sheets. Each petition must  
20 include as a part thereof, a statement of candidacy for each  
21 of the candidates filing, or in whose behalf the petition is  
22 filed. This statement shall set out the address of such  
23 candidate, the office for which he is a candidate, shall  
24 state that the candidate is a qualified primary voter of the  
25 party to which the petition relates and is qualified for the  
26 office specified (in the case of a candidate for State's  
27 Attorney it shall state that the candidate is at the time of  
28 filing such statement a licensed attorney-at-law of this  
29 State), shall state that he has filed (or will file before  
30 the close of the petition filing period) a statement of  
31 economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental  
32 Ethics Act, shall request that the candidate's name be placed  
33 upon the official ballot, and shall be subscribed and sworn  
34 to by such candidate before some officer authorized to take

1 acknowledgment of deeds in the State and shall be in  
2 substantially the following form:

3 Statement of Candidacy

4	Name	Address	Office	District	Party
5	John Jones	102 Main St.	Governor	Statewide	Republican
6		Belvidere,			
7		Illinois			

8 State of Illinois)  
9 ) ss.  
10 County of .....

11 I, ....., being first duly sworn, say that I reside at  
12 .... Street in the city (or village) of ....., in the county  
13 of ....., State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter  
14 therein and am a qualified primary voter of the .... party;  
15 that I am a candidate for nomination (for election in the  
16 case of committeeman and delegates and alternate delegates)  
17 to the office of .... to be voted upon at the primary  
18 election to be held on (insert date); that I am legally  
19 qualified (including being the holder of any license that may  
20 be an eligibility requirement for the office I seek the  
21 nomination for) to hold such office and that I have filed (or  
22 I will file before the close of the petition filing period) a  
23 statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois  
24 Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be  
25 printed upon the official primary ballot for nomination for  
26 (or election to in the case of committeemen and delegates and  
27 alternate delegates) such office.

28 Signed .....

29 Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by .....,  
30 who is to me personally known, on (insert date).

31 Signed .....

32 (Official Character)

33 (Seal, if officer has one.)

1           The petitions, when filed, shall not be withdrawn or  
2 added to, and no signatures shall be revoked except by  
3 revocation filed in writing with the State Board of  
4 Elections, election authority or local election official with  
5 whom the petition is required to be filed, and before the  
6 filing of such petition. Whoever forges the name of a signer  
7 upon any petition required by this Article is deemed guilty  
8 of a forgery and on conviction thereof shall be punished  
9 accordingly.

10           Petitions of candidates for nomination for offices herein  
11 specified, to be filed with the same officer, may contain the  
12 names of 2 or more candidates of the same political party for  
13 the same or different offices.

14           Such petitions for nominations shall be signed:

15           (a) If for a State office, or for delegate or  
16 alternate delegate to be elected from the State at large  
17 to a National nominating convention by not less than  
18 5,000 nor more than 10,000 primary electors of his party.

19           (b) If for a congressional officer or for delegate  
20 or alternate delegate to be elected from a congressional  
21 district to a national nominating convention by at least  
22 .5% of the qualified primary electors of his party in his  
23 congressional district, except that for the first primary  
24 following a redistricting of congressional districts such  
25 petitions shall be signed by at least 600 qualified  
26 primary electors of the candidate's party in his  
27 congressional district.

28           (c) If for a county office (including county board  
29 member and chairman of the county board where elected  
30 from the county at large), by at least .5% of the  
31 qualified electors of his party cast at the last  
32 preceding general election in his county. However, if  
33 for the nomination for county commissioner of Cook  
34 County, then by at least .5% of the qualified primary

1 electors of his or her party in his or her county in the  
2 district or division in which such person is a candidate  
3 for nomination; and if for county board member from a  
4 county board district, then by at least .5% of the  
5 qualified primary electors of his party in the county  
6 board district. In the case of an election for county  
7 board member to be elected from a district, for the first  
8 primary following a redistricting of county board  
9 districts or the initial establishment of county board  
10 districts, then by at least .5% of the qualified electors  
11 of his party in the entire county at the last preceding  
12 general election, divided by the number of county board  
13 districts, but in any event not less than 25 qualified  
14 primary electors of his party in the district.

15 (d) If for a municipal or township office by at  
16 least .5% of the qualified primary electors of his party  
17 in the municipality or township; if for alderman, by at  
18 least .5% of the voters of his party of his ward. In the  
19 case of an election for alderman or trustee of a  
20 municipality to be elected from a ward or district, for  
21 the first primary following a redistricting or the  
22 initial establishment of wards or districts, then by .5%  
23 of the total number of votes cast for the candidate of  
24 such political party who received the highest number of  
25 votes in the entire municipality at the last regular  
26 election at which an officer was regularly scheduled to  
27 be elected from the entire municipality, divided by the  
28 number of wards or districts, but in any event not less  
29 than 25 qualified primary electors of his party in the  
30 ward or district.

31 (e) If for State central committeeman, by at least  
32 100 of the primary electors of his or her party of his or  
33 her congressional district.

34 (f) If for a candidate for trustee of a sanitary

1 district in which trustees are not elected from wards, by  
2 at least .5% of the primary electors of his party, from  
3 such sanitary district.

4 (g) If for a candidate for trustee of a sanitary  
5 district in which the trustees are elected from wards, by  
6 at least .5% of the primary electors of his party in his  
7 ward of such sanitary district, except that for the first  
8 primary following a reapportionment of the district such  
9 petitions shall be signed by at least 150 qualified  
10 primary electors of the candidate's ward of such sanitary  
11 district.

12 (h) ~~If The-number--of--signatures--required~~ for a  
13 candidate for judicial office in a district, circuit, or  
14 subcircuit, by a number of primary electors at least  
15 equal to ~~shall-be~~ 0.25% of the number of votes cast for  
16 the judicial candidate of his or her political party who  
17 received the highest number of votes at the last regular  
18 general election at which a judicial officer from the  
19 same district, circuit, or subcircuit was regularly  
20 scheduled to be elected, but in no event fewer ~~shall-be~~  
21 less than 500 signatures.

22 (i) If for a candidate for precinct committeeman,  
23 by at least 10 primary electors of his or her party of  
24 his or her precinct; if for a candidate for ward  
25 committeeman, by not less than 10% (or 50, whichever is  
26 greater) nor more than 16% (or 50 more than the minimum,  
27 whichever is greater) of the primary electors of his  
28 party of his ward; if for a candidate for township  
29 committeeman, by not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50  
30 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the  
31 primary electors of his party in his township or part of  
32 a township as the case may be.

33 (j) If for a candidate for State's Attorney or  
34 Regional Superintendent of Schools to serve 2 or more

1 counties, by at least .5% of the primary electors of his  
2 party in the territory comprising such counties.

3 (k) If for any other office by at least .5% of the  
4 total number of registered voters of the political  
5 subdivision, district or division for which the  
6 nomination is made or a minimum of 25, whichever is  
7 greater.

8 For the purposes of this Section the number of primary  
9 electors shall be determined by taking the total vote cast,  
10 in the applicable district, for the candidate for such  
11 political party who received the highest number of votes,  
12 state-wide, at the last general election in the State at  
13 which electors for President of the United States were  
14 elected. For political subdivisions, the number of primary  
15 electors shall be determined by taking the total vote cast  
16 for the candidate for such political party who received the  
17 highest number of votes in such political subdivision at the  
18 last regular election at which an officer was regularly  
19 scheduled to be elected from that subdivision. For wards or  
20 districts of political subdivisions, the number of primary  
21 electors shall be determined by taking the total vote cast  
22 for the candidate for such political party who received the  
23 highest number of votes in such ward or district at the last  
24 regular election at which an officer was regularly scheduled  
25 to be elected from that ward or district.

26 A "qualified primary elector" of a party may not sign  
27 petitions for or be a candidate in the primary of more than  
28 one party.

29 (Source: P.A. 91-57, eff. 6-30-99; 91-357, eff. 7-29-99;  
30 91-358, eff. 7-29-99; revised 8-17-99.)